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# SENATE BILL No. 241

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 6-6-10-7; IC 10-14-4; IC 10-15-3-12.

**Synopsis:** Department of homeland security funds. Provides that revenue in the emergency planning and right to know fund may be used to maintain, repair, and calibrate equipment purchased for a hazardous materials response team. Specifies the purposes for which money in the state disaster relief fund may be spent. Provides that money in the regional public safety training fund that remains unencumbered at the end of a state fiscal year shall be transferred to the fire training infrastructure fund. (Current law provides that money in the regional public safety training fund that is not appropriated to the fund is transferred to the fire training infrastructure fund.) Permits the department of homeland security to adopt emergency rules to implement changes to the state disaster relief fund. Makes technical corrections.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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January 8, 2008, read first time and referred to Committee on Appropriations.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 6-6-10-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2006,  
2       SECTION 146, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3       [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 7. (a) Before July 1 of each  
4       year, the department of state revenue shall distribute the money in the  
5       emergency planning and right to know fund as follows:

6           (1) Ten percent (10%) allocated to the emergency response  
7           commission and administered by the department of homeland  
8           security to be used to enhance communication among local  
9           emergency planning committees and between local emergency  
10          planning committees and the emergency response commission in  
11          order to strengthen joint hazardous material incident response  
12          capabilities. Money received as an allocation under this  
13          subdivision does not revert to the state general fund at the end of  
14          a state fiscal year.

15          (2) The distribution to the hazardous substance response fund  
16          established by IC 13-25-4-1 that is authorized for the year by the  
17          general assembly.



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(3) A distribution of the remaining money as follows:

(A) To each county, two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

(B) To each county, an additional distribution in an amount determined in STEP TWO of the following formula:

STEP ONE: Divide the amount available for distribution by the number of annual returns filed under section 6(b) of this chapter in the calendar year preceding the distribution.

STEP TWO: Multiply the quotient determined in STEP ONE by the number of facilities located in each county.

The department of state revenue may make a distribution to a county under this subdivision only after receiving notice from the emergency response commission that the local emergency planning committee for the county has met the requirements of IC 13-25-1-6(b).

(b) The revenue distributed to the county under this section shall be deposited in a separate fund established by the county for the purpose of:

(1) preparing and updating a comprehensive emergency response plan required under 42 U.S.C. 11003 for the county or emergency planning district;

(2) establishing and implementing procedures for receiving and processing requests from the public for information about hazardous chemicals under Title III of SARA (42 U.S.C. 11001 et seq.);

(3) training for emergency response planning, information management, and hazardous materials incident response;

(4) equipping a hazardous materials response team that provides at least a district wide emergency planning response if the equipment purchased is consistent with current training levels of the response team members;

(5) purchasing communication equipment for a local emergency planning committee's administrative use;

(6) paying an optional stipend to local emergency planning committee members who attend regularly scheduled meetings at which a quorum is present in an amount:

(A) determined by a majority of the local emergency planning committee membership; and

(B) that is not more than twenty dollars (\$20) per member per meeting; ~~and~~

(7) paying for Title III risk communication, chemical accident related, and accident prevention projects submitted to and

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1 approved by the Indiana emergency response commission; **and**  
 2 **(8) maintaining, repairing, and calibrating equipment**  
 3 **purchased for a hazardous materials response team under**  
 4 **subdivision (4).**

5 However, revenue distributed to a county under this section may be  
 6 used for the purpose set forth in subdivisions (3) through ~~(7)~~ **(8)** only  
 7 if the local emergency planning committee appointed for the county has  
 8 prepared and submitted to the emergency response commission an  
 9 emergency plan that meets the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 11003(a) and  
 10 has received approval for the training programs from the emergency  
 11 response commission.

12 (c) The fund established under subsection (b) shall be administered  
 13 by the county executive. The expenses of administering the fund shall  
 14 be paid from money in the fund. Money in the fund not currently  
 15 needed to meet the obligations of the fund may be invested in the same  
 16 manner as other public funds. Interest that accrues from these  
 17 investments shall be deposited in the fund. Money in the fund at the  
 18 end of the fiscal year remains in the fund and does not revert to any  
 19 other fund.

20 (d) Money shall be appropriated by a county fiscal body (as defined  
 21 in IC 36-1-2-6) from a fund established under subsection (b) upon the  
 22 receipt by the county fiscal body of the local emergency planning  
 23 committee's spending plan. The spending plan must:

- 24 (1) have been approved by a majority of the members of the local  
 25 emergency planning committee; and
- 26 (2) conform with the provisions of this chapter.

27 The county fiscal body may not appropriate money from the fund  
 28 established under subsection (b) for any person or purpose other than  
 29 the local emergency planning committee.

30 (e) All equipment, apparatus, and supplies purchased with money  
 31 from a fund established under subsection (b) remains under the  
 32 direction and control of the local emergency planning committee.

33 SECTION 2. IC 10-14-4-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.107-2007,  
 34 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 35 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5. (a) The state disaster relief fund is  
 36 established to provide ~~money~~ **financial assistance** to:

- 37 **(1) assist eligible entities in paying for:**
  - 38 **(A) the costs of ~~damage to~~ repairing, replacing, or restoring**  
 39 **public facilities or individual residential real or personal**  
 40 **property ~~resulting from disasters:~~ damaged or destroyed by**  
 41 **a disaster; or**
  - 42 **(B) response costs incurred by an eligible entity during a**

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disaster; and

(2) allow the agency to pay for response costs incurred by the state or a local unit of government at the direction of the agency.

The agency may provide financial assistance in response to a disaster only from the balance in the fund that is unobligated on the date the disaster occurs.

(b) The fund consists of the following:

(1) Money appropriated by the general assembly.

(2) Money deposited under IC 22-11-14-12(c)(2).

(c) The agency shall administer the fund. Expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund. The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public funds may be invested. Interest that accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

~~(c)~~ (d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

SECTION 3. IC 10-14-4-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.107-2007, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 6. Subject to the restrictions under this chapter, the agency may use money in the fund to ~~make grants~~ **provide financial assistance as follows:**

(1) To an eligible entity that:

(A) **is not an individual;**

~~(1)~~ (B) contains territory for which a disaster emergency has been declared by the governor;

~~(2)~~ (C) has suffered damage to the entity's public facilities ~~or individual property~~ because of the disaster for which the disaster emergency was declared;

~~(3)~~ (D) has applied to the department for **financial assistance in the form of a grant;** and

~~(4)~~ (E) complies with all other requirements established by the agency.

(2) To an eligible entity that:

(A) **is an individual;**

(B) **has suffered damage to the entity's individual property due to a disaster;** and

(C) **complies with all other requirements established by the agency.**

SECTION 4. IC 10-14-4-13, AS ADDED BY P.L.107-2007, SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

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UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13. (a) This section applies only to an eligible entity that is an individual.

(b) To qualify for ~~a grant~~ **financial assistance** under this chapter, **including a grant**, an eligible entity must apply to the agency on forms provided by the agency. The application must include the following:

(1) A description and estimated cost of the damage caused by the disaster to the individual's property.

(2) The manner in which the individual intends to use the ~~grant money~~; **financial assistance**.

(3) Any other information required by the agency.

SECTION 5. IC 10-15-3-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.107-2007, SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 12. (a) The regional public safety training fund is established for the purpose of providing regional and advanced training for public safety service providers. The fund shall be administered by the department.

(b) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

(d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund. Any amount remaining in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year that ~~was not appropriated to the fund~~ **has not been encumbered** shall be transferred to the fire training infrastructure fund established by IC 22-14-6-2.

SECTION 6. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) **The department of homeland security may adopt emergency rules to implement IC 10-14-4, including IC 10-14-4-5, IC 10-14-4-6, and IC 10-14-4-13, all as amended by this act, in the manner provided for the adoption of emergency rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1.**

(b) An emergency rule adopted under this SECTION expires on the earlier of:

(1) the date that the department of homeland security adopts permanent rules under IC 4-22-2 to replace the emergency rules; or

(2) July 1, 2009.

(c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2009.

SECTION 7. An emergency is declared for this act.

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